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Mission established at Elba Dog Pound

Homyak committed to finding homes for animals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Since accepting the job as animal control officer for the City of Elba, George Homyak has dedicated himself to providing animals with proper care. Homyak has been employed by the City of Elba since the early 90s but has only been working as the animal control officer for about a year. However, he has worked diligently in making improvements at the dog pound and insists that the job requires much more than just picking up stray dogs.

"When I accepted the job, my first concern was the cleanliness of the shelter," said Homyak. "I believe in cleanliness and sanitizing it."

Although he said it is almost impossible to keep a shelter from having a bit of an odor all the time, he does clean the facility daily. He even comes to work a couple of hours every Saturday and Sunday to clean the facility and feed the animals.

The facility, known by most as the Elba Dog Pound but referred to as the Elba Animal Shelter by Homyak, has a capacity of 15. However, Homyak said he will keep a litter of puppies together when he gets them so there is the occasion when more than 15 dogs could be at the shelter.

"I said his main goal was to pick up or receive animals to care for at the shelter is to find a home for them."

"When I first took over, there was somewhere around 22 puppies at the shelter, and I got about 18 of them adopted," said Homyak. "I will go out of my way to get the dogs adopted."

He said the dogs at the shelter are free for adoption, and he has only one "requirement" for someone interested in adopting one of the dogs.

"I recommend keeping the shots up-to-date on the animal," he said.

Currently, Homyak said there are 10 dogs at the facility.

Often times, the dogs caught by Homyak are those not properly restrained by the owner according to the city's ordinance.

To be in compliance with the city's ordinance, a dog must be confined within a fence, wall or other enclosure in such a manner as to effectively prevent the escape of the dog, or restrained



Animal control officer George Homyak pets one of the dogs currently housed at the Elba Dog Pound. Homyak said his adoption program has received a positive reaction since he began the job about a year ago.

by a leash, cord or chain, not less than 10 feet in length and secured to a collar with swivel connections in such a manner as to effectively prevent the escape of the dog, provided, however, the length of the leash, cord or chain shall be reduced to such length as to prevent the dog, when so secured, from entering premises other than that of the owner.

A dog that is found to not be properly restrained and taken to the shelter can be retrieved by the owner by contacting Homyak. He said he will assist the owner in any way he can in getting their animal back; however, the owner will be charged a small fee by the city for the housing of the animal while it was at the shelter.

"I believe in working with the people," Homyak said. "Anyone needing my assistance at the shelter should contact the Elba Police Department and they will notify me."

Homyak added that he does not believe in animal cruelty or dog fighting, and he will prosecute anyone he finds engaging in these activities.

As for the future, Homyak said he has several projects already in mind.

He said he is working with the local school system to present a program to third grade students concerning the dos and don'ts of animal care.

"I believe if we educate our children at a young age they will grow up being humane to animals," Homyak said.

Also, he hopes to one day have a new, modern, climate controlled shelter for his animals. He said a new shelter would allow him to accommodate

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Elba Division Grand Jury hands down indictments during session

REMINDER

Yelverton Street in Elba is now a two-way street. This is the street in front of the old Elba Post Office.

The street was changed to allow traffic to travel in both directions now that the post office has moved to its new location.

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session on Monday, Oct. 15.

The grand jury inquired into a total of 61 cases, according to information released by Bruce L. DeVane, chief investigator of the district attorney's office, 12th Judicial Circuit.

The grand jury handed down a total of 50 indictments with 39 of those being felonies and 11 being misdemeanors.

The grand jury also returned nine no bills, and two cases were continued for further investigation.

Arraignments for the 50 indictments handed down by the grand jury are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19, at the Elba Courthouse.



The Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant will be held Oct. 19 and 20 at the Dothan Civic Center and representing the Zion Chapel Community will be Miss Zion Chapel Mallorie Leigh Bedsole, daughter of Jerry and Jo Ann Bedsole.

"This weekend all the practices and preparations will come together as 63 young ladies compete for the title of 'Miss National Peanut Festival'," said Bedsole. "I invite everyone to the festival which will be held Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. I will be contestant #1 so don't be late."

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Oct. 19, the Elba Tigers will be at home against Washington County, the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home against Slocomb, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Beulah and the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home taking on the Brantley Bulldogs. Kickoff for all games will be 7:30 p.m.

NBHS HOMECOMING New Brockton High School will begin its Homecoming festivities with a bon fire on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. The Homecoming parade will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, and the pre-game ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL The Elba Elementary Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. behind the Elba Elementary School.

ELHS PARENT VISITATION Elba High School will hold Parent Visitation Day on Monday, Oct. 29, from 3:30-6 p.m. Parents are invited to visit the high school and meet with teachers. Those who are unable to attend during this time are encouraged to call the high school at 897-2266 to schedule an appointment with teachers upon their availability (planning periods) for conferences.

STORY TIME The Elba Public Library will have a children's story time Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 2:00-5:30 p.m. before Pumpkins on the Square.

TRICK-OR-TREAT The Trick-or-Treat hour for the City of Elba will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5 until 7 p.m. The Town of New Brockton will allow trick-or-treating on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-8 p.m.



Miss Elba Carey Holloway will compete for the title of Miss National Peanut Festival Queen on Friday, Oct. 19, for preliminaries and Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. for finals at the Dothan Civic Center.

Carey is the daughter of Matt and Judy Holloway of Elba and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie C. Waters of Troy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Holloway of Section, Ala.

Carey will compete along with 63 other contestants. She will be contestant number 58. Everyone is invited to attend and show their support.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Our e-mail box has been flooded with poems, prayers, graphics, etc. relating to the September 11th bombing attack. Some are dog-eared good! Many of them have been forwarded by several different people... some by as many as a dozen individuals. It is flattering that people are so caring for the victims and that they would think of us during these times, but the volume is also generating an unwanted and embarrassing callousness that has caused us to not appreciate the messages as they should have been appreciated. Frankly it has reached the point that many are now even being read past the first few lines. Then there are the out-and-out computer-generated hoaxes being sent from one computer to the other with no way of ever knowing their origin, like the pictures depicting angels in the smoke from the burning towers... the fact that the same shot of the burning towers showed different angels in different e-mails was a sure-fire giveaway... beautiful jobs but fakes. After the first half dozen times last week we opened the e-mail about the person's friend whose daughter's boyfriend warned her to stay away from the malls last weekend, we began responding back to those passing the rumor to us with the lone word, "Hogwash." Actually that was an adaptation of an old, old chain letter hoax. Many, many times in the past month we have heard that society is now changed forever, but regardless of the truth of that prediction we still have a civic responsibility to calm our friends, rather than continuing to spread more baseless rumors.

One e-mail we received that bears repeating is an address to send letters or cards of thanks and/or encouragement to the New York City firemen and other workers as they continue their efforts around the rubble of the World Trade Towers. Surely after all these weeks, these heroes are getting tired and discouraged, so to help lift their spirits... and the Spirit of America... respond with mail to the following: *NYC Fire Department, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, NY 10005*.

Last Wednesday morning we arrived at the office before daylight and there our flag staff was lying in the street with no flag. The first reaction was one of anger but after a few minutes of reflecting, we calmed down and was thankful that our needs were not so strong as to have to steal an American flag. Was it done by someone who wanted to wave the flag at their house but couldn't afford to buy one or was it done by thoughtless vandals? Since the guilty party (parties) only showed their bravery under the cover of darkness, there is no way of knowing which category they fall into, but we will survive the incident and still proudly display a new American flag. Our hope is that the old one went to someone (however misguided) who thought they really needed a flag. Surely there is not a single person in Elba, Alabama, who has so much scorn for the United States that they would purposely destroy the country's flag.

Many of us are not displaying the American flag correctly, but we read that this is all right. The rules on displaying the flag are clear cut, and are ever changing. We read the list this week, as sent out by the Washington experts. After refreshing our lifetime of memories dealing with this flag, we were relieved to read the closing statement which assured Americans that the important thing was to display the flag, even if it isn't done exactly correct.

Area farmers are still counting their blessings. As they gather the bountiful fall crops the weatherman is working in their favor. There has not been excessive rains but when the ground started getting hard for those digging peanuts, it rained some. When the ground is softened up a bit, the rains stop and the farmers can continue their work and the crops don't suffer excessive weather damage.

There was talk last month that the Alabama Legislature would be back in session for another special session to deal with the school funding shortfall. That has not happened yet, which is probably good. There are no reports floating around about any funding idea with the slightest chance of passage, so there is no need for them to meet. Also, apparently the lawmakers haven't gotten together on any compromise redistricting plan for the U.S. Congress districts, nor the Alabama School Board districts. They couldn't get enough votes to pass the plans recommended by the respective groups being redistricted, nor could they agree on any alternate. Therefore there is really no reason for them to go back to Montgomery, knowing they would probably fail again, thus succeeding only in putting the spotlight on another of their failures.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of October 8, 2001, through October 14, 2001. They were: Michael Driggers, Jackie Harbuck, Helen Lader, Conzuela, Banks, Calaisa Caldwell, Jeannette Wyrosick, Ed Gullion, Brandon Reese, Lucille Stackhouse, Helen Horstead, Betty Hanchey, Mary Nell James, Helen Farris, Eva Miller, Krystal Edwards, Mattie Yarn, Mary Barfoot, Maggie Head, Bennie Wilkerson, Harold Hudson, Patricia

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Strengthened defense budget is good for Alabama

by Congressman Terry Everett

The US House of Representatives recently passed legislation to strengthen America's defense preparedness in 2002. The new defense authorization bill adds \$33 billion to the Pentagon budget to help our military better protect our homeland. \$89 million of which will also positively impact the economy of the Second Congressional District in Southeast Alabama, where nearly \$2 billion in annual economic impact is felt by our military bases and local defense contractors. The new defense bill defense funds enhance Maxwell Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker, while ordering new missiles partially produced in Pike County.

In Montgomery, Maxwell Gunter - the home of the US Air Force Air University - will receive \$51.6 million for new educational facilities, including Squadron Officer School and Officer Training School dormitories, and an addition to the Squadron Officer School Academic Facility, a new Maintenance Hangar, and a Fuel Cell Maintenance Facility. These improvements are necessary to enable Maxwell Gunter to handle the increased student load as well as operate more efficiently.

Down in the Wiregrass, Fort Rucker - the home of US Army Aviation - is slated to receive

\$37.4 million in new defense funding which will provide 12 new Army Aviation Institutional Training Simulators, a Comanche Simulator Training Facility, and the location of an Army Materiel Command Parts Warehouse to the base. As the center for Army helicopter training, Fort Rucker will grow in high tech instructional capability with these important new simulators, while the new warehouse will help prevent parts shortages.

Pike County's Lockheed Martin, a key player in armoring our military with high tech weapons, will also benefit from the new defense budget which spends \$25 million for 300 new Hellfire II laser-guided anti-tank missiles, partially produced at the Orion, Alabama defense plant.

On the national front, the new defense budget approved by the House provides our military personnel with the largest pay raise since 1982 - an increase of between five and ten percent for every service member. Furthermore, we continue funding for new and better military housing.

In response to growing terrorism, the new defense budget provides \$8.2 billion to develop technologies to help protect America from a ballistic missile attack, and we increase funding for training and readiness, weapons supplies, and vital new weapons research and development.

After eight straight years of neglect of national defense by the Clinton Administration, Congress and the new White House are determined to rebuild and bolster our nation's future military capability as America embarks on a new war against global terrorism.

The new House-passed defense budget addresses the previous shortfalls in military spending and responds to the President's call for more support in the war on terrorism. The best way to ensure our freedom and safety is a strong and capable national defense. We owe it to our military personnel who must protect us, our citizens who have been placed on the front lines, and to our children who look to us for a more secure future.

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Elba COC planning 14th Annual Christmas Festival for Nov. 24

Plans are now underway for the 14th Annual Christmas Festival in Elba. The theme this year is "Christmas in Elba." The festival will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving on Nov. 24 on the historic downtown square from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This year's plans are expanded to include entertainment throughout the day with a vast variety of local talent. There will also be numerous arts and craft exhibits, food vendors and an enormous focus on children's activities.

The evening will wrap up with the annual Christmas parade at 4:30 p.m. The memory lighting ceremony will take place immediately following the parade.

The annual Christmas

pageants held in conjunction with the Christmas Festival will take place on Nov. 10.

Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 for further information.

Family Finders plans adoption fair in Dothan

November is National Adoption Awareness Month, and the Family Finders and the Alabama Department of Human Resources will present Alabama's Waiting Children to those families may have a special interest in adoption during an adoption fair at First United Methodist Church in Dothan on Thursday, Oct. 18, from 2-7:30 p.m.

DOG

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date cats. Currently, cats stay outside the shelter.

"Hopefully, I could double my capacity with a new shelter," said Homyak.

And, he is working to find a veterinarian to locate in the Elba area. He said he feels all animal owners in Elba would benefit from a local veterinarian.

"This is a public relations job," said Homyak. "I believe in showing the people respect and insist that anyone needing my assistance should call the Elba Police Department and the dispatchers will notify me. I will help in any way I can."

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Obituaries

MYRTLE MEACHAM

Ms. Myrtle Meacham, age 81, of Opp, Ala., died October 11, 2001 at her residence.

Graveside services were held October 13, 2001 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Alford Ikner officiating and Wyatt Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five daughters: Judy Joyce Wagg, Rahner, Ala.; Jo Anne Glass, Carolyn Jimmott, Mary Jean Stinson, all of Opp, Ala.; one son, Jimmy Ray Meacham, Opp; one sister, Mary O'Keefe, Ohio; 28 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

CLORA BELLE RICHARDSON

Clara Belle Richardson, age 70, died October 6, 2001.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001, at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala., with S.R. Perkins officiating. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directed.

Survivors include one sister: Lois P.H., Jacob, Fla.; two

brothers: James A. Richardson, Campbellton, Fla.; Eddie Lee (Bo) Richardson, Cottondale, Fla.; two brothers-in-law: Markway Pittman, Edward Terry of Birmingham, Ala.; two sisters-in-law: Gladys Richardson and Jean Richardson of Fla.; 12 children: Cynthia Anderson, Et. Walton, Fla.; Wanda Pope, Marianna, Fla.; Jacqueline Jones, New Brockton, Shiley McKay, Malone, Fla.; Freddie Terry, Rochester, N.Y.; Benjamin Pope, Dothan, Ala.; Ronald Terry, Elba, Ala.; Samuel Terry, Columbus, Ga.; Olivia Terry, Elizabeth, N.J.; Willie L. Terry, Brundidge, Ala.; Sheila Terry, New

Brockton, Ala.; Adrian Terry, Enterprise, Ala.; a mother-in-law: Nadine Terry; 31 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, two sons-in-law: Samuel McKay, Fla.; Andy Anderson, Fla.; three daughters-in-law: Macy Terry, Columbus, Ga.; Brenda Terry, Brundidge, Ala.; Olga Terry, Enterprise, Ala.

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Monday following city council meeting - City Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
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• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
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• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
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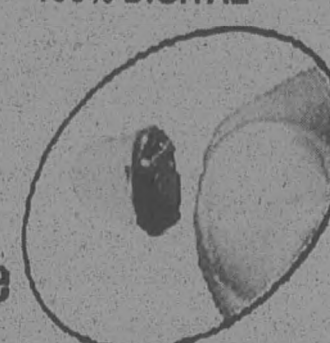
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Elba Elementary establishes the EES Points Club

by Jonathan Head

The Elba Elementary School has established a reward system for accelerated readers dubbed the EES Points Club. The compilation of points reflects the reader's skill and placement. These points are divided into different "clubs" ranging from 25 points to 500 points.

Retaining points involves several guidelines. First the reader must choose a book given a value of half a point and above. Next the reader must interpret the book and take a test on this interpretation. Depending on the test score, the student will or will not receive however many points the book is worth. In doing so, the reader will use these points to attain new levels in the club.

Being a heightened reader in the club is not an easy task, but with dedication and hard work, students at EES do climb to the top of this association of literature.



PEANUT BOIL...

The Elba FFA Chapter held their annual peanut boil and cookout on September 13, 2001. The purpose of the occasion is to show an appreciation for what a lot of the farmers in our area produce, peanuts. We also must have an appreciation for the history of agriculture in our part of the state. The boil was played an important part in making the peanut industry in south Alabama what it is today. A lot of thanks is also owed to an African American by the name of George Washington Carver. Many of the FFA members in attendance knew the importance of the peanut industry to our economy in south Alabama. The members would also like to show their appreciation for the guests that came to share in the activity. The cookout was a success. The students and guests enjoyed the boiled peanuts, hamburgers, and polish hot dogs provided by the Elba FFA Chapter.

Elba FFA places first in Alabama State Fair exhibit



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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch

The student in this week's co-op spotlight is Candace Anderson.

Candace is the 17-year-old daughter of Guy and Kim Anderson.

Miss Anderson is currently employed as a secretary at the Elba Recreation Department.

After high school Candace plans to attend college and become an elementary school teacher. Candace's hobbies include spending time with family and friends, working with children, and riding four-wheelers.



Candace Anderson

Elba High band performs in festival

Editorial by Kimberly Farris

On October 6th the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band performed at the Duleville Marching Band Festival. The band was evaluated by several judges and earned 1st - superior ratings, and 2nd - excellent ratings. The color guard, dance line, drum majors, majorettes, and percussion section received 1st while the band received a score of 2-2-2 for an overall 2.

This is only the second time the EHS band has made an overall 2 since Mr. Ellis became our band director in 1993. As a member of the band, I was personally affected. This outcome was totally unexpected by many people. Everyone marched off of the field after our performance knowing that we'd done our best. We're so used to making superior ratings that it didn't even cross most of our minds that we could ever make a 2. In fact, as we were getting ready to go into the stadium to watch some of the amazing bands that came to the festival we didn't ask Mr. Ellis, "How did we do?" like we usually do because we thought we'd done well.

We spent our afternoon at the festival having fun and enjoying ourselves. I got to meet people from other bands and was able to see many of the talented musicians that I had previously met at some of the honor band programs that I've attended.

Around 6:00 p.m. representatives from each band began to prepare to attend the Awards

Ceremony which was held on the football field. Those that are chosen as representatives are honored with receiving "the awards" given to the band. Going down on the field to accept awards is an honor that I, as well as several of my fellow band members, have been waiting for all of my musical career. This year I was given the privilege of being on the field when scores were announced.

We stood arm-in-arm and when the announcer called out "Elba Junior/Senior High School" the band was called to attention by one of our superb band officers, and we listened to our ratings. We were devastated. I stood there frozen with disbelief. This was my first time to be on the field during the Award Ceremony, and we made a 2. No one knew why we'd made a 2, but we knew that we'd done our best. Many band members were crying and everyone was upset, whether they showed it or not. We gathered at the end of the field for our traditional speech from Mr. Ellis and prayer. Next we started a new tradition: we sang Elba High's Alma Mater.

Now that we know what our problems were during the performance, we are working hard to correct them and have improved greatly. When we compete at Little/Big Horn Marching Contest in Opp on October 20, 2001 we will exhibit even more pride and discipline than we did at Duleville. And no matter what, our score in Elba will always be the best.

Elba FFA Chapter conducting annual fruit sale

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit. Fresh fruit is a natural agricultural product which FFA members can promote and support agriculture every time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

There are other reasons why fruit is sold in almost every high school in Alabama. As various proceeds from past fruit sales have bought many books, hand tools, equipment or other items for use by agriscience students.

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Elba High Sr. Beta Club announces service project

The Elba High School chapter of Sr. Beta announced that they will sponsor the funding of the student copier maintenance contract. The student copier

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Isn't it fun to wait until you need something to try and find it? The rainy weather that rolled in last Friday meant a wet night at the ball game, and for the girls it meant they had to hunt for their rain jackets, try and find some boots that would survive puddles and look for some seat cushions to help keep them from sitting on wet benches. The jackets weren't really that hard to locate and the seat cushions some how popped up where they were supposed to be. However, there are still some wet shoes outside on the back porch that hopefully will dry before this week's game. Whatever happened to "A little rain will never hurt anybody?"

ELBA TIGERS GRAB HUGE ROAD WIN OVER W.S. NEAL

The Elba Tigers took another giant step toward becoming a 3A contender last week by posting a heart stopping 26-22 win over the highly-touted W.S. Neal Blue Eagles, on a soggy field in East Brewton, Alabama. The Tigers weren't given much of a chance in the key region battle, but ignored all the talk and simply did what they do best - play tough, hard-nosed football for four quarters and never give up!

The Elba offense scored on its first two possessions to keep the Tigers close to the high-powered Blue Eagles, and then added two second half touchdowns to rally and pull out the win. The Tiger running game was bottled up at times by a W.S. Neal defense that was geared up to stop the run, but the Elba backs ran hard all night long and Todd Horstead had a key scoring run on a fourth down play when he bounced off two tacklers at the line of scrimmage and then bounced outside and raced down the sidelines for a touchdown. Brandon Petty had his best night of the season passing as he hit on 5 of 10 passes for 114 yards and 2 touchdowns, and maybe the success through the air will give the junior signal caller the confidence he needs as the Tigers head down the home stretch. The Elba offense never once backed down from a challenge throughout the game, and came up with the big play when it was needed the most.

The Elba defense was shell-shocked early as W.S. Neal scored on its first two possessions. However, as been the case all season long, the Tiger defense made some adjustments as the game progressed and threw a shut-out at the high-scoring Blue Eagles in the second half. Junior linebacker Marcus Henderson had a big interception that helped turn the momentum around, while Michael Reed pulled the ball away from any and all takers late in the game on a fumbled snap that led to the Tiger touchdown. The Elba defense may give up some points and may get knocked around a little at times, but there is no doubt that the defense will give 100 percent on every single play and will never back down. It has been the reemergence of the Elba defense that has sparked the improvement in Tigertown, and one has to believe the best is yet to come.

Even Elba coach Mike Waters smiled when he looked at the film of the fumbled snap late in the game. However, if the Tiger defense never gives up that eventually led to the win. Nothing comes easy, but after seven games one gets the idea that is just how this year's Elba Tigers want it!

NOT THE BEST OF WEEKS FOR AREA GRID TEAMS

The seventh week of the high school football season was nothing to write home about for three of the four teams in the area with only the Brantley Bulldogs being able to add a win to their side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back....

*** BRANTLEY (4-3) claimed its third straight region win with an easy 50-0 win over the winless Wildcats from Florida. The Bulldogs scored almost at will throughout the game, and not even a clock that never stopped and an offense filled with Bulldog subs could keep Brantley from rolling up the big win. The recent winning streak has made the Bulldogs and their fans forget the 1-3 start, and now the talk is about the playoffs as the season nears an end. Yep, the Bulldogs are right back where they belong.

*** KINSTON (3-4) battled top-ranked G.W. Long for all four quarters and saw a late scoring opportunity go by the board in a 14-7 loss to the Rebels. The Bulldogs needed a win to give them a shot of confidence after back-to-back losses to Brantley and Pleasant Home, and even though they failed to get a win, one has to believe that the Bulldogs are headed back on the right track and will be looking forward to next week's winner take all clash with Zion Chapel. Kinston needs something good to happen to pump life back into the Bulldogs, and when it does, look for the 'Dogs to regain their early-season form.

*** NEW BROCKTON (2-5) saw its playoff hopes all but vanish with a 35-0 loss to Houston Academy, and for the second straight week the Gamecocks struggled on offense and kept their defense on the field way too long against a very talented team. New Brockton can keep its slim hopes alive with late-season region wins over Slocomb and Samson, but the Gamecocks need a spark to get them over recent losses, and need that spark to hit its mark very soon. If the Gamecocks can rediscover their offense there is still hope. However, time is running out.

*** ZION CHAPEL (2-5) made the long trip up to Talladega to tangle with the Alabama School for the Deaf and came home hurting after taking it on the chin 30-6. The Rebels have seen their slim ranks shrink even more in recent weeks due to injuries and dismissals, and the Rebels have to come how try and regroup before their next two region games. Zion Chapel can still make the playoffs and make some noise in the region. However, it will take the best the Rebels have, and late in the season the winner is often the team that wants it the most. Time for the Rebs to dig down deep.

QUICK KICKS....

*** The Elba Termite Tigers defeated Florida 16-8 Saturday night to win their division and earn the right to compete in this weekend's youth football "Super Bowl" in Florida. The Tigers will carry a 3-2 record into the season finale and will have to face one of the two teams that defeated them during the season. However, the coaches and players aren't concerned about who they will play, they are still celebrating a division crown and looking forward to having one more chance to play some football.

*** The Auburn Tigers deserve a lot of credit for their big win over Florida, and the coaches should get a special pat on the back for coming up with a perfect game plan for the weather conditions. The Tiger defense sold out to stop the run and made the Gators attempt to pass on the windy, rainy night, and the plan worked to perfection as Auburn kept it close and won at the end. Maybe now the Auburn fans will have to admit Tuberville and his staff are better than they thought.

*** Troy State's big win over Mississippi State did a great deal toward giving the Trojans credibility as a Division I football team, but it could also lead to some scheduling problems in the years to come. Not many of the upper echelon teams across the nation worried about paying the Trojans big bucks to come to their stadium and get whipped. However, now that the folks up at Troy State have

proven they can sneak up and win, it might be a little harder to get some of those teams to put the Trojans on their future slates. Now more than ever, the Trojans need to find a conference to join.

Barbour County scored the most points in the school's history Friday night against St. Jude and still got beat by 35 points. That's right, St. Jude spotted the Jaguars an early lead and then came roaring back to claim a wild 74-39 win in a game that was almost void of any defense. I wonder if the guy running the scoreboard could move his fingers by the time the game ended.

*** Straughn saw its region title celebration delayed after a 28-21 double-overtime loss to Goshen. The game was started in near hurricane conditions that left the field and the ball soaked and slippery, and there is no doubt the conditions hurt Straughn, which relies on finesse on offense. I have always heard that rain is the great equalizer, and I guess Friday night in Straughn that saying was proven right again.

*** Pike County continued its late-season surge with an easy 51-8 romp past Calhoun, and it looks like Coach Wayne Grant's pre-season predictions that the Bulldogs would be contenders for the 3A title may come true after all. Now that the Bulldogs have whipped up on Courtland and have their sights focused on a region title, it may be time for the rest of the folks in 3A to keep an eye aimed over toward Pike County.

*** Laverne all but put the wraps on a region title with last week's 35-15 win over Washington County. The Tigers weren't expected to be a 3A power this season, but have made huge strides in recent weeks and all of the sudden are beginning to look like the Laverne of old.

*** Andalusia claimed its second straight region win by shocking Thomasville 20-13, and now the Bulldogs appear to be making their plans for the playoffs, Coach Paul Woolley and his troops have improved greatly after a less than exciting start, and may be peaking at just the right time.

*** Dale County put the wraps on its perfect season slip away with last week's 43-19 in what has to be one of the state's most competitive regions. The War Hawks have improved weekly throughout the season and after claiming big wins over Geneva and Daleville should be considered a contender to make a lot of noise in the playoffs.

*** UMS-Wright made its move to the top of the 4A ranks with an impressive 20-7 win over T.R. Miller. The weather played a part in the game and gave the speedy Tigers from T.R. Miller some problems. However, UMS-Wright did what it had to do to win the game, and that was to play physical, hard-hitting football. Something tells me these two teams could meet again.

*** Charles Henderson saw its perfect season slip away with a 19-13 upset loss to Greenville. Greenville struggled early in the season and it looked like the Tigers were headed for another losing season, but the Tigers have grown teeth in recent weeks and their win over Henderson makes Greenville a team to keep an eye on come playoff time.

*** Enterprise had an easy time with Northview in posting a 31-10 win, and the Wildcats are already talking about the days to come. Enterprise will need more than one miracle to make the playoffs, but don't appear to be worried about what might have been, and instead seem focused on getting better every night out. That should pay dividends very soon.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKING THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator looked a little tired Sunday afternoon when he stopped by the office to leave this week's picks, and admitted the rainy weather last weekend had left him a little water logged and a little under the weather. Last week's 19-0 slate was his worst week of the season and moved his yearly totals to 177-40, but he vowed to finish the regular season with a bang, starting this week. Here goes....

Elba Tigers host Washington County Friday night in key Class 3A, Region 1 battle

The Elba Tigers will return home Friday night to battle the Washington County Bulldogs, in a key Class 3A, Region 1 contest for both teams.

The Tigers will enter the game with a 4-3 record, 2-1 in region play, while the Bulldogs will bring a 5-2 record into the clash and a 2-1 region mark.

"This is a very big game for both teams," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "because the winner will have a leg up on the home field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. Washington County is big, strong and fast, and has as many allies as any team we have faced this season, including W.S. Neal. They look awesome on tape on both offense and defense, and certainly have the tools to blow someone out at any time."

"On offense they have a big 210-pound fullback and will give him the ball up the middle on a trap probably a third of the time," added Coach Waters. "On offense we will have their top receiver back, and he is 6-3, 190 pounds and runs a 4.5. When they get to the air they like to throw it deep to him and let him go up and get it. Washington County is still a wing-team on offense and run the counters and traps, but the trap is their favorite play. Over on defense they line up in a forty and are big up front and have some very good linebackers. They get to the ball very quickly on defense and love to hit folks."

Washington County has posted wins this season over Milly 34-0, Straughn 24-20, W.S. Neal 27-24, Coffeeville 30-7 and Gulf Shores 34-7, while losing to Leroy 32-7 and Laverne 35-15.

"If we are going to win this week we will have to play our best on both sides of the ball and continue to play hard on

ELBA VS. WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Elba Tigers made the headlines last week with a huge road win over W.S. Neal, and this week must get ready once again for a war as they host the talented Bulldogs from Washington County. The winner of this battle will all but wrap up a home field advantage in the playoffs, and with that added prize going to the winner, look for this game to be a battle until the final horn. Does history repeat itself...maybe!

ELBA 20 WASHINGTON COUNTY 19

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The New Brockton Gamecocks have to rediscover their offense in a hurry if they are to keep their slim playoff hopes alive against Slocomb. The Red Tops saw their recent winning streak come to an abrupt end last week with a big loss to Cottonwood, and will either be refocused or ready to throw in the towel this week over at Brockton. The guess here is that the Red Tops paint the Gamecocks blue.

SLOCOMB 22 NEW BROCKTON 16

KINSTON VS. BEULAH

Last season Kinston's Coach Gary Glass picked up a team from Florida to fill the Bulldogs' open date and got shelved 56-6. So, this year Coach Glass found a team from Alabama to play. The Rebels from Beulah are not the best 2A team to be found, but they have played a tough schedule and will be looking forward to the Bulldogs' visit. Hey coach, what is wrong with an open date?

BEULAH 26 KINSTON 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs have rolled to three straight wins since their early-season struggles and need a win this week over the Rebels to keep alive their shot at grabbing the #2 spot in the region. Zion Chapel has the weapons to take some shots at the 'Dogs, but not enough to do much damage.

BRANTLEY 40 ZION CHAPEL 12

OTHER PICKS:

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Pleasant Home 45 Florida 6
Straughn 41 Barbour County 0
Cottonwood 20 Samson 8
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Highland Home 20 Georgiana 0
Goshen 34 St. Jude 26
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W.S. Neal 34 Flomata 16
Laverne 29 Gulf Shores 3
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Benjamin Russell 42 Wetumpka 10
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Elba running back Todd Horstead (25) cuts upfield as fullback Jason Curran (10) zeroes in on a W.S. Neal defender. The Tigers defeated the Blue Eagles 26-22 to up their record to 4-3 on the season.

When asked about last week's 26-22 win over W.S. Neal, Coach Waters stated "It was one of the biggest wins in years, and puts us right back in the playoff picture and in the hunt for the home field advantage. On offense we weren't real consistent, but the backs ran hard and Brandon Petty had his best night of the season passing. On defense we played better in the second half and made some adjustments that helped with our loss sweep. The key was that our players never quit and gave it everything they had until the final horn. It was a good confidence builder and helps the players believe in what we are trying to do. We are really beat up physically, especially in the line. However, the players just keep on plugging and don't complain. This is a great bunch to work with, and Friday night was a really big win for the team and its fans."

"This is just the next tough game on a long list of tough games," added Waters, "and we will have to be ready to play and play hard on every single play on both offense and defense. Our players work hard in practice and play hard in the games, and that is what we have to do again this week to be successful."

"We are still struggling on the court," said Coach Amelia Rhoades. "Our serving line is not where I want it to be, but we have to keep pressing on and try to improve."

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers posted a 15-6, 15-6 win over New Brockton on Monday

afternoon, in New Brockton, Lyndsay Lawford and Kristen Barnes both recorded 9 service points.

"The JV's did a really great job in the win," said Coach Rhoades.

The Elba Junior High Tigers claimed a hard fought 15-13,

11-15, 15-9 win over New Brockton, Monday afternoon in New Brockton. Melanie Mularz recorded 13 service points to lead the Tigers, while Kendall Stinson had 6, and Brittany Hudson had 6.

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SPORTS

In key 3A, Region 1 showdown

Tigers nail Neal 26-22

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers crashed homecoming Friday night at W.S. Neal High School, and when they got back on the bus, headed back to Coffee County.



Elba's Marcus Henderson (8) eyes room to run as teammate Michael Reed (55) looks for a defender to block. The Tigers claimed a big 26-22 win over W.S. Neal last week to spoil the Blue Eagles' homecoming.



Elba running back Todd Horstead (25) cuts upfield as fullback Jason Curran (10) zeroes in on a W.S. Neal defender. The Tigers defeated the Blue Eagles 26-22 to up their record to 4-3 on the season.



Elba's Todd Horstead (25) tightropes his way down the sidelines for a big gain in the Tigers' 26-22 region win over W.S. Neal last week, in East Brewton.

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1, while the loss left W.S. Neal with a 5-2 slate, 2-2 in region action.

The region battle resembled a track meet in the opening quarter as both teams scored on their first two drives of the night. W.S. Neal received the opening kickoff and needed only four plays to cover the 75 yards to the endzone. The Blue Eagle touchdown came on a 60-yard sprint by Alfonso Gross on a toss sweep, and although the extra-point try failed, W.S. Neal was ahead 6-0 with 10:10 still left in the first quarter.

Elba began its first possession at its own 38-yardline and five plays later had tied the score at 6-6. A 2-yard gain on third down and one by Brandon Petty kept the drive alive early, while the touchdown came on a 53-yard pass from Petty to Marcus Henderson. Henderson's extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 7:52 remaining in the opening stanza the Tigers were back even at 6-6.

W.S. Neal began its ensuing series at midfield after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt and once again headed toward the Elba endzone. A 7-yard gain by Nick Benjamin on fourth down and four at the Elba 32 kept the scoring drive alive, while the touchdown came one play later on a 25-yard dash by Alfonso Gross. Gross also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 4:33 left in the first quarter W.S. Neal was back on top 14-6.

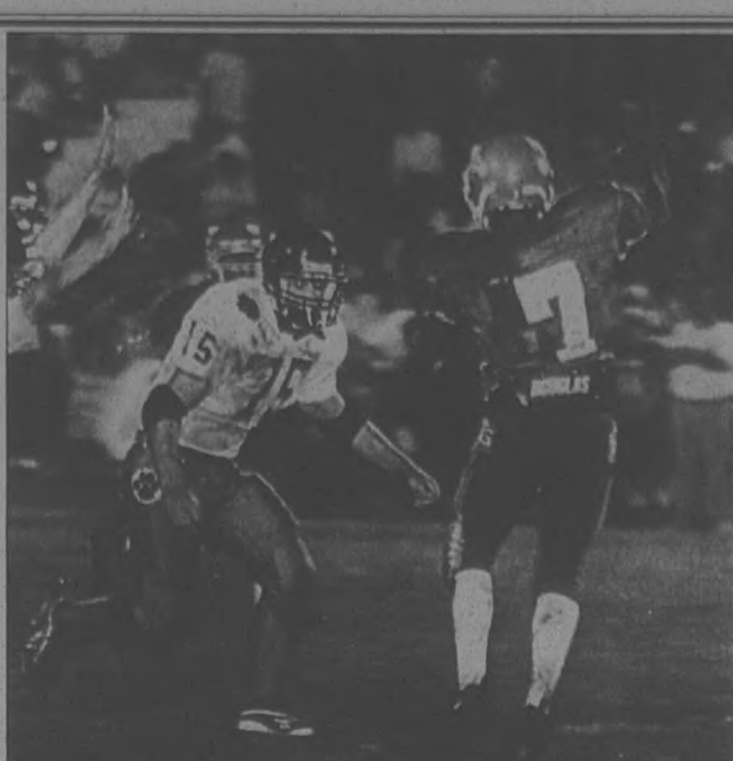
A 41-yard kickoff return by Todd Horstead set the Tigers up at midfield to start their next possession, and four plays later, the scoreboard flickered again as Elba marched 50 yards for its second touchdown of the stanza! The Tiger touchdown came on fourth down and two, when Horstead broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage, bounced outside and raced 42 yards into the endzone. A two-point try failed, however, with 1:58 still left in a wild first quarter Elba was back in the hunt trailing 14-12.

Elba threatened to score again on its third possession of the game and reached a first down at the Blue Eagle 37-yardline, but a penalty and a fumble backed the Tigers up, and on fourth down Elba punted the ball back to Neal.

W.S. Neal put the ball in play at its own 33-yardline late in the second quarter and saw its offense come back to life as the Blue Eagles marched 67 yards in five running plays to extend their lead to 22-12. A 13-yard scamper by Nick Benjamin on first down got the drive off to a fast start, while Alfonso Gross got his third touchdown of the half on a 9-yard dash. Gross also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 1:17 remaining in the half W.S. Neal was on top 22-12.

The two teams swapped punts on their first two series of the second half, with the Tigers winding up with the ball at their own 49-yardline after an 18-yard punt return, by Todd Horstead. A 21-yard gain on a reverse by Marcus Henderson was a key play early in the drive, while the touchdown came on an 18-yard run by Quinton Moultry. Beldon Petty passed to Marcus Henderson with the two-point conversion, and with 10:47 remaining in the fourth quarter Elba had chopped the Blue Eagles' lead to 22-20.

W.S. Neal reached a first down at the Elba 33-yardline on its next possession, but the Tiger defense again rose to the chal-



Elba's Ralston Moore (15) applies pressure to the W.S. Neal quarterback. The Tiger defense blanked the Blue Eagles in the second half to lead the way to the 26-22 region win Friday night in East Brewton.



Elba's Dougie Pierson (1) cuts outside a block in the Tigers' 26-22 win over W.S. Neal. The Tigers will host Washington County this week in another big Class 3A, Region 1 clash.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AARP presents 55 Alive driving course at MacArthur

MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program will offer a 55 ALIVE Mature Driving Course on Wednesday, November 7, 2001 and Thursday, November 8, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day. Developed by the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), this

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program helps mature drivers, age 50 and older, to refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. This course deals with the physical problems of aging and how to adapt as well as recognize these changes as they relate to driving.

As a bonus for taking the class, participants are eligible for automobile insurance discounts. Alabama is among the first of states offering mandatory insurance discounts for completing an approved driver improvement (defensive driving) course. Interested participants should check with their insurance agent concerning a

discount for taking the course. The two half-day sessions will be held in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 100. Participants are required to attend both days to receive a certificate of completion. Cost per individual to take the class is \$100, payable to AARP. The course is limited to 35 participants. Participants must be age 50 or older.

To sign up for the course or to receive more information, please contact MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

Peanut Butter Festival planned for Oct. 20th in Brundidge

The 11th Annual Peanut Butter Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, in Brundidge.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with the 5K Peanut Butter Run, and the Nutter Butter parade

will begin at 1 p.m.

The Peanut Butter Recipe Contest will be held during the morning, as well as the construction of Alabama's Largest PB&J Sandwich and the Peanut Butter Kids Contest.

Other games and activities are also planned throughout the day.

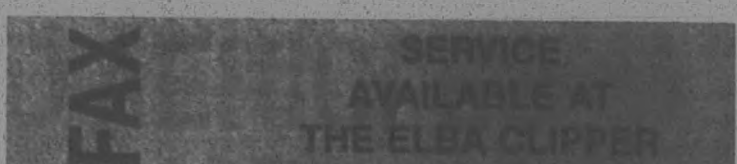
The Brundidge Historical Society presents this annual harvest and heritage celebration as a gift to the community.



Above: Thanks to the Ft. Rucker Fire Department and Elba Fire Dept., students at Elba Elementary School got a hands-on opportunity to learn the proper techniques for exiting a room in the event of a fire last Thursday. The Ft. Rucker dept. brought the smoke house to the school as a teaching tool during Fire Safety and Prevention Week. Several EES students are captured with Fireman Danny Jordan.



On Friday, Oct. 12, students at the Elba HeadStart were visited by Elba Fireman Wesley DeVane as part of Fire Safety and Prevention Week. DeVane talked to the students about things to do in the event of a fire, and he gave the students a tour of a fire truck. During the tour, he explained the how each piece of equipment is used by firefighters during a fire.



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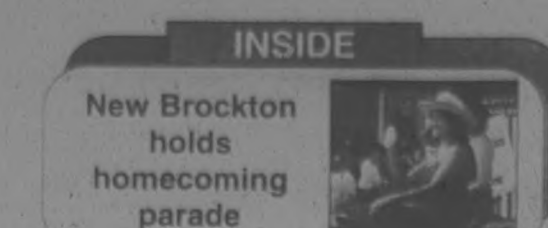
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Coffee County Extension asks commission to amend budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Looking at the agenda, it appeared as though the Coffee County Commission would zip through its meeting quickly Monday morning, Oct. 22, with no old or new business listed, however, a late request to address the commission was granted.

Sandra Coffey, Coffee County Extension Coordinator, addressed the commission with a request to amend the budget approved for the extension service during the FY 2002.

Originally, the commission had appropriated \$54,000 for the extension service, and Coffey requested Monday that the commission amend that amount to \$61,900. She said the purpose of the additional funds would be to allow the extension to continue to employ a support staff member who has been working with the 4-H program.

Coffey said Peggy Stroud has been working 25 hours per week as a support staff member with the 4-H program.

Commissioner Robert Brooks made a motion that the commission amend the budget to \$61,900 so the Coffee County Extension Service can continue to employ the part-time support staff member. He received a second by Commissioner Tom Grimsley.

At that point, Commissioner Robert Stephens brought it to the attention of the commission that procedural rules would not allow the commission to vote on something brought before the commission during a meeting that was not on the agenda. He said he was in favor of the motion, but voting on it during Monday's meeting would mean that the commission was suspending the rules in place.

Commissioner Brooks then made a motion to suspend the procedural rules for the matter at hand. He received a second by Commissioner Grimsley.

The motion to suspend the rules passed with all commissioners voting in favor, excluding Commissioner Stephens who voted against and Commissioner Kaye Lewis who abstained.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple expressed his concern that the county is going to wind up in a deficit situation if the commission continues to amend the original budget which was approved during a previous meeting.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion to table the matter concerning the additional funds for the extension service so the commissioners could have more time to discuss the issue. Commissioner Lewis provided a second to the motion, however, it failed to pass with a 4-3 vote as only Commissioners Westbrook, Lewis and Stephens voted in favor.

The commission then voted on the original motion made by Brooks to amend the budget to allow \$61,900 for the Coffee County Extension Service. His motion passed with a 5-1-1 vote as Commissioner Dalrymple voted against and Commissioner Westbrook abstained.

In addition to her request, Coffey took a few moments Monday morning to update the commission on the Coffee County Farm City Program.

She said the program is in full swing with the annual banquet planned for the evening of Nov. 15.

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Wayne Grantham selected as Elba's city clerk

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council presented outgoing City Clerk Donnie Morrow with a plaque honoring his five years service to the City of Elba. Mayor James Grimes presented the plaque and read its inscription aloud. The inscription noted he has served since October 7, 1996, with dedication and distinctive leadership. The final paragraph read: "Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor James Grimes, and this council speaking on behalf of all the people publicly go on record as commending Don Morrow for his outstanding efforts by voting our appreciation for his leadership in all areas of community improvements."

Wayne Grantham was recommended by Mayor Grimes and selected by unanimous vote to replace Morrow as city clerk. Grantham has an extensive background in business and personnel management. He is a retired insurance agent, has worked in automobile sales, and is a retired Alabama National Guard officer, serving successfully in various command positions. He comes out of retirement to fill the position with the City of Elba.

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Donnie Morrow (left) is presented a plaque by Elba Mayor James Grimes (right) commemorating his service to the City of Elba.

Elba High School students prepare for Homecoming 2001



FLOAT DESIGN...Every year, students at Elba High School spend the afternoons and weeknights before Homecoming designing and preparing their class floats for the Homecoming parade on Friday afternoon. Tuesday afternoon, Sophomore class members Katie Dyess, Ben Day, Jeremiah Freestegan, Jessica Dhanford and Meredith English, were found working hard on the tenth grade float. Although it is impossible to tell what the final product will look like in the above picture, the Sophomores are convinced that they will be ready to impress the judges and crowd during Friday's parade. However, the seventh graders, who were also working on their float Tuesday afternoon, hope the parade watchers and judges will find their design to be the most memorable from the Homecoming 2001 Parade. The parade will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon, Oct. 26, and will travel through the streets of downtown Elba.

Local authors plan reading at Elba Public Library for Saturday, Oct. 27

Earlier this year, the Friends of the Elba Public Library established its goal to promote the library, and that will be the intent this weekend as two

authors with Elba ties visit the Elba Public Library to participate in a book reading.

Robert Inman, formerly of Elba, and Ann Vaughan Richards, who recently moved back to Elba, will be at the Elba Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. to read selections from some of their published works.

Inman will read from his book, "Coming Home," and Richards will read from her book, "Mrs. Wagon."

After the reading, the authors will open the forum for a question and answer session.

There is no charge to attend this special event, however, donations will be accepted.

The Friends of the Elba Public Library invites everyone to join them in celebrating two local authors.

David Lee Barnes, age 31,

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Former Elba resident found guilty of first-degree murder in Virginia

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A man arrested earlier this year by the Elba Police Department on March 23, 2001 after the Northampton, Virginia, Police Department issued a fugitive from justice warrant for his arrest in connection with the 1988 murder and robbery of a female gas station attendant.

Police said Barnes was one of three suspects in the January 1988 shooting death and attempted robbery of Dawn Hill, an employee at Rene's Exxon in Exmore, Va.

According to reports, Woodrow E. Fritchett Jr., a second suspect in the incident, received a deal from prosecutors in exchange for his testimony against Barnes. Also, a third suspect, Carlton E. Pruitt, was granted immunity for his testimony.

An autopsy revealed that the victim, then 29, was shot to death and pregnant at the time of the incident.

Fritchett testified that Barnes shot Hill because she had seen him earlier that day in the store.

Barnes was identified as the shooter by Ann Hughes, a Pennsylvania motorist who stopped at the station the night of the shooting.

Hughes testified that she heard noises which sounded like bangs and saw a man come running from the station some-

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Area Happenings

COLLEGE DAY Elba High School will hold College Day on Thursday (TODAY), Oct. 25, in the commons area from 8:30-10 a.m.

TAILGATE PARTY The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold the 2nd annual "Tiger" Tailgate Party Thursday (TODAY), Oct. 25, in the lot next to The People's Bank beginning at 5:30 p.m. The annual Homecoming bonfire will follow the tailgate party at Miller Memorial Stadium.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Oct. 26, the Elba Tigers will be at home taking on Gulf Shores, the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home taking on Samson, the Kingston Bulldogs will take on the Zion Chapel Rebels at home and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Pleasant Home. Kickoff for the Elba vs. Gulf Shores game will be 7 p.m. All other games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

STORY TIME The Elba Public Library will have a children's story time Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5:00-5:30 p.m. before Pumpkins on the Square. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to the story time reading.

TRICK-OR-TREAT The Trick-or-Treat hours for the City of Elba will be Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5 until 7 p.m. The Town of New Brockton will allow trick-or-treating on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m.